Mishicot Plans Two-Day Fete To Mark Centennial

Getting a bit of a jump on this city and the rest of the county, the village of Mishicot will observe its centennial with a two-day celebration Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15. The village was founded in 1847.

The program is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the Mishicot Sportsmen's club and committee heads anticipate hundreds of visitors will flock to Mishicot over the weekend to join in the festivities.

Highlighting the program will be a grand parade through the main street of the village at 12:15 Sunday afternoon. There will be bands, special floats and numerous groups, depicting the 100 year existence of the village. The Manitowoc Marine band and four high school bands are scheduled to appear at the celebration.

Chorus Opens Fete

The program will get under way with numbers by a special chorus Saturday afternoon at 1:15. During the afternoon there will be special vaudeville acts including numbers by the Six Fat Dutchmen, an importation from Minnesota, who are also to play for the dance Saturday evening at the Opera hall. One of the late afternoon events will be a fishing contest in which awards will be made for the largest northern pike, walleyed pike and brook trout.

Sunday morning a horse pulling contest open to teams from all over the state is expected to attract a large crowd. Following the parade there will band concerts and acts by the Schultz circus group from Manitowoc. At 3:15 p. m. the Manitowoc Marine band will give a concert and award winners in the fishing contest will be announced.

There will be dancing afternoon and evening at the Opera hall.

Smith First Settler

The Mishicot villagers have been busy the past several weeks digging up some of the early data in the community, which was settled by a pioneer named Daniel Smith in 1844, who a short time later erected a sawmill on the present site of the village. This building is still standing and is operated as a feed mill. The first public school was opened in 1849.

Soon the village began to grow, enjoying a wide farmer trade, and had two general stores, a hardware and tinware shop, three hotels, several blacksmith and wagon shops, harness and boot and shoe stores and also a brewery. The first postoffice was established in 1854. In 1866 the Holy Cross church was founded.

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VILLAGE TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL—The village of Mishicot, which was first settled in 1847, will observe its centennial with a two-day program Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15. The event is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars post and the Mishicot Sportsmen's club. Picture of the village was taken looking toward the north from a high hill near the Western Condensing company plant on the south bank of the East Twin river. (Herald-Times photo)

Three in Civil War

In 1861 when the Civil war broke out three Mishicot young men, LaFayette Smith, James Langsworthy and Horace Price, went to Milwaukee to enlist in the Union army, being among the first from this county to volunteer and see active service.

Among the prominent Mishicot residents who came to this city to attain recognition in the practice of law was the late Judge Isaac Craite. In the early days he originated the "Mishicot code of justice" which became quite famous among the legal fraternity of the county. A justice of the peace at Mishicot, Judge Craite became the first municipal judge in this county.

The village now has a population of more than 600 persons. The biggest industrial development in recent years was the establishment of the plant of the Western Condensing company,